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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AFRICA.

Report from Cape Town—Plague-infected rodents found at East London.

The following is received from the medical officer of health, under date of May 7, 1906:

East London.—On the 2d instant 23 rats were found dead in a grain store. Examination proved them to be plague infected.

BRAZIL.

Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Improved conditions as regards plague, smallpox, and yellow fever.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, May 16, as follows:

During the three weeks ended May 13, 1906, vessels left this port for United States ports, were inspected by myself, and received bills of health from this consulate-general as follows: On April 28 the British steamship *Homer*, for New Orleans, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on the same date the German steamship *Barendrecht*, for New Orleans, in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on May 2 the British steamship *Brookwood*, for Pensacola, in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in crew; on the 3d instant the British steamship *Tennyson*, for New York, with 11 cabin and 14 steerage passengers from this port, and no change in the crew, and with a cargo of coffee; on the 4th instant the British steamship *Goodwood*, for Pensacola, in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in the crew personnel; on the 7th instant the British steamship *Northwaite*, for some southern port in the United States, in water ballast, no passengers, and no change in the personnel of the crew; on the 9th instant the Norwegian ship *Charles Dickens*, for Mobile, in stone ballast, no passengers, and no change in the ship's crew while in port; on the 10th instant the British steamship *Teesbridge*, for a southern United States port, in water ballast, with no passengers, and no change in the crew; on the 11th instant the British steamship *Eastern Prince*, for New York, with a cargo of coffee, no passengers, and no change in the steamer's personnel while in this port; on the 12th instant the American barkentine *White Wings*, for Baltimore, with cargo of coffee, no passengers, and with 4 new members of crew here; she lay at coffee docks, this city.

All of these vessels either lay in the open bay while discharging and loading cargo, or else lay at a wharf across the bay from Rio, a locality which has always been perfectly healthy.